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Iran

Raja'i Sworn In, Bahonar Nominated--Tehran radio reported that Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i was sworn in as president of Iran during an open session of the Majlis. Tehran radio reported that President Raja'i sent a message to the Majlis on 4 August nominating Islamic Republican Party leader Mohammad Javad Bahonar as prime minister. The radio said the Majlis will vote on the nomination on 5 August.

Nabavi Press Conference--According to Tehran radio, government spokesman Behzad Nabavi told a press conference that certain changes have taken place in the Iranian Air Force. He maintained, however, that they are not directly related to the recent flight of a number of people from Iran, which is under investigation. He added that several people have been arrested in connection with that incident. Turning to relations with France in light of France's refusal to extradite former President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, Nabavi asserted that France must return Bani-Sadr to Iran in accordance with the terms of the extradition treaty between the two countries. Otherwise, Nabavi went on, Iran will be forced to review its relations with France.

Bani-Sadr Interview--In an interview with Paris LE QUOTIDIEN, cited by AFP, former President Bani-Sadr said Soviet and American agents in Iran are manipulating people, including conservative Muslims, and trying to influence them so that Iran will be "overwhelmed in Chaos." He added that the U.S. strategy is to wait for the death of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni and the complete breakdown of the Iranian political system and then to fill the vacuum with a strong regime in the pay of the United States. The paper quoted him as saying that the Iranian Armed Forces are now in ruins. He said only 20 percent of the air force is left and perhaps 10 percent of the navy. As for the army, Bani-Sadr continued, there may not be anything left.

Nonaligned Mediation Delegation--Tehran radio reported a Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying that the nonaligned ministerial delegation, consisting of representatives of India, Cuba, Zambia and the PLO, will arrive in Tehran on 6 August to brief President Raja'i on its proposals to end the Iran-Iraq war.

Behbehan Clergyman Assassinated--According to Tehran radio, the Majlis Public Relations Office reported that a Behbehan clergyman was assassinated by "counterrevolutionaries."

Tehran, Kermanshah Explosions--Tehran radio reported that a powerful bomb exploded in front of the Pasteur Institute's hospital in Tehran, causing a number of casualties and injuries and substantial damage. AFP reported that at least three or four people were killed in the blast, which occurred 200 meters from the prime minister's office. Tehran radio also reported that 13 people were killed in an explosion in Azadi Square in Kermanshah.

Narcotics Dealers, Peykar Members Executed--Tehran radio reported that six narcotics dealers were executed by order of the Kerman Islamic Revolution Court. Meanwhile, a Shiraz Islamic Revolution Court communique, broadcast by Shiraz radio, said three Peykar members were executed for antigovernment activities. The communique claimed that during interrogation and trial, the accused avoided expressing any regret and volunteered no information. They were therefore considered guilty, it said.

Egypt

Cairo radio reported that on 3 August President Anwar as-Sadat met with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in London. According to the radio, Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali said the Palestinian question and the issue of peace received top priority at the talks, adding that the European role in achieving a Middle East settlement was discussed in general. The radio also quoted Egyptian Foreign Ministry First Under Secretary Dr Usamah al-Baz as saying that Egypt hopes that European peace initiatives will increase since the European states are qualified to play an active and constructive role in achieving a rapprochement among the various sides and in working for a comprehensive settlement.

Lebanese Crisis

UNIFIL Position Hit--Jerusalem radio reported that a group of unidentified people opened fire at a position of the UNIFIL Irish contingent in Rshaf. The radio said there were no casualties.

Zahlah Security Forces--Beirut radio reported that two new security forces entered Zahlah on 4 August as part of the government's security plan for the city.

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OFFICIAL DENIES ALLEGED RAO-KARMAL MOSCOW MEETING

BK031244 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 3 Aug 81

[Text] In New Delhi a spokesman of the External Affairs Ministry has described as totally incorrect a report appearing in the Pakistan press that Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao had a secret meeting with Afghan President Babrak Karmal in Moscow recently. The report, he said, is a figment of motivated imagination. It is baseless and totally incorrect, he added.

The spokesman said the Government of India was concerned over the censored Pakistan press' giving currency to such misinformation on different issues in the last few weeks. Another such blatant and mischievous report published by the Pakistan press was regarding India's so-called consultations with Israel on the question of a possible attack on Pakistani nuclear installations. This was promptly denied by India.

The spokesman said dissemination of incorrect and unfounded information will affect the process of normalization of relations between the two countries. This is also contrary to the Simla Agreement, he added.

AUSTRALIA'S FRASER ARRIVES, MEETS WITH MRS GANDHI

BK040852 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 4 Aug 81

[Text] Talks between India and Australia began in New Delhi today soon after the arrival of their country's governor general, Sir Zelman Cowen, and Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser. The talks started at an official level and were later briefly joined by the two prime ministers. They are understood to have had an exchange of views on the international situation and the forthcoming Commonwealth heads of government conference in Melbourne next month.

Earlier, on arrival at the airport, the governor general and the prime minister of Australia were accorded a warm welcome. They were received by Vice President Hidayatullah and Prime Minister Mrs Indira Gandhi. The governor general is on a day's private visit, while the prime minister is on an official visit.

Mr Fraser told newsmen at the airport that he considers his discussions with Mrs Gandhi as important, particularly in the context of the forthcoming Commonwealth heads of government conference. The main issues, Mr Fraser said, which will figure at the Melbourne meeting will include the North-South dialogue. The conference will provide ample opportunities to the heads of government to discuss the problems of security and also how best to help the poorer nations.

The governor general and the prime minister of Australia called on President Sanjiva Reddy separately. They were with him for about 30 minutes. Prime Minister Mrs Indira Gandhi is hosting a lunch in honor of Australian Prime Minister Mr Fraser and Mrs Fraser at her residence.

PAPERS COMMENT ON NUCLEAR FUEL TALKS WITH U.S.

BK031614 Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English 1552 GMT 3 Aug 81

[Text] On the Indo-U.S. talks held in New Delhi recently on the Tarapur fuel agreement, the INDIAN EXPRESS and the PATRIOT have commented editorially.

The INDIAN EXPRESS writes that the only conclusion that can be drawn after the New Delhi session is that there will be no more U.S. fuel shipments for Tarapur because the issue of resumption of withheld supplies was not even raised by either side. The discussions were exclusively devoted to working out the modalities of ending the agreement 12 years before its expiry date.

That no decision could be reached is because the United States wants the spent fuel stocks at Tarapur to remain under safeguards even after the agreement is defunct. India has consistently maintained that either the United States honour its contractual commitment to supply fuel--a later U.S. Congress ban on such supplies not withstanding--or the agreement must end together with all its conditions.

The PATRIOT observes that there have been oblique hints that Tarapur should continue to be under international safeguards even after the cooperation agreement is repudiated as was done by India in the case of the Rajasthan project after the Canadians ended their agreement with this country. The step was taken to reassure the world, and the Canadians in particular, that India was not on the road to becoming a nuclear weapon power. That was an independent act of a sovereign nation not dictated by external powers as is now sought to be done in the case of Tarapur. The Rajasthan reactor, as observed by the INDIAN EXPRESS, could run on indigenous national uranium while for the continued operation of the Tarapur plant, reprocessing of the spent fuel would be essential. The PATRIOT further writes that the element of urgency for us arises from the fact that if the plutonium from the spent fuel cannot be used for making bombs, it would be useful in initiating India's fast breeder reactor programme, the key to its dream of utilising the thorium fuel of which it has the world's largest reserves.

OFFICIAL CONCERN VOICED OVER BANGLADESH STATEMENTS

BK301316 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 30 Jul 81

[Text] India has expressed its deep concern to Bangladesh over the successive and unprovoked comments and statements by important members of the Bangladesh Government on bilateral issues. Indian High Commissioner in Dacca Muchkund Dubey called at the Bangladesh Foreign Office today and emphasized the adverse effect these would have on Indo-Bangladesh relations.

The Indian high commissioner also expressed concern at the Dacca stand that the onus for removing tension [words indistinct] for India, particularly when Bangladesh is adding to the tension by comments and editorials in government-controlled newspapers. He said at the time of domestic political difficulty in Bangladesh, India has not only shown restraint but extended all moral support to Bangladesh. Dubey said that India expected Bangladesh would appreciate this which will be the basis of closer relations between the two countries.

UN REPRESENTATIVE ON AFGHANISTAN BEGINS VISIT

BK040806 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 4 Aug 81

[Text] Perez de Cuellar, the special representative of the UN Secretary General on Afghanistan, arrived in Karachi early this morning to resume his mission of promoting a dialogue on a negotiated political settlement of the Afghanistan crisis.

Talking to newsmen at the airport, he said he had not brought any specific proposals for resolving the Afghanistan crisis. He wanted to hear the views of the Pakistani Government. Cuellar said that after having talks with Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi, he will leave for Kabul on 6 August on a 3-day visit.

Replying to a question, the UN Secretary General's special representative said he did not know what the outcome of this exercise will be. He said the UN's goal is to bridge the gap to the extent possible and to continue the process of negotiation.

Asked about his visit to Iran, he said he will go to Tehran the moment he gets the green light from Iran.

Radio Pakistan's representative says Cuellar will meet with Foreign Minister Agha Shahi in Karachi this afternoon.

Later, he will go to Islamabad. Cuellar visited Islamabad and Kabul in April of this year and held talks with Pakistani leaders and officials of the Karmal regime.

13 KILLED IN ATTACK ON AL-ZULFIQAR OFFICE

BK030829 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0600 GMT 3 Aug 81

[Text] According to reports reaching New Delhi, armed men equipped with submachineguns entered and attacked the premises being used as a base of the subversive organization Al-Zulfiqar. It is reported that the armed men fired on two buildings in the premises, killing 10 Pakistanis and 3 guards who were being trained at the base. These three guards were killed in the initial attack itself. The VOA correspondent quoting reports reaching New Delhi said that this attack took place on the 26th of last month. The three hijackers of the PIA plane which was hijacked to Kabul in March are included among those who reside in the buildings which came under attack. The reports did not mention about the killing or injuring of the hijackers. According to a news agency dispatch from New Delhi, both sides exchanged heavy fire at the subversive base. Both sons of former Prime Minister Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto are the leaders of the Al-Zulfiqar organization.

RAJA'I NOMINATES BAHONAR FOR PRIME MINISTER

GF040746 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0700 GMT 4 Aug 81

[Text] The Majlis held an open session today during which a message from President Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i was read to the Majlis. In his message, the president nominated Mohammad Javad Bahonar for prime minister.

The message says: In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Chairman of the Majlis, in accordance with article 124 of the Constitution, I nominate the struggler and committed scholar, Brother Mohammad Javad Bahonar, to become prime minister. I hope that since we all know him, and taking into consideration his achievements when he was assigned the responsibilities of the Education Ministry, he will win the approval of a majority of the Majlis.

[Signed] President of the Republic Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i

After the message was read, the Majlis speaker said the Majlis will vote on this matter in tomorrow morning's session.

RAJA'I ON BANI-SADR, CHOICE OF NEW PRIME MINISTER

LD032245 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 3 Aug 81

[Interview given by President Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i to a Tehran radio correspondent on 3 August after a meeting of the Supreme Defense Council; place not given--recorded]

[Text] [Question] Mr President, would you be good enough to brief our listeners on the topics discussed tonight?

[Answer] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. The council held its usual meeting; the change in my position did not affect the proceedings. The acting chief of the Joint Staff usually gives a briefing on the war situation. This was done tonight. Our Islamic combatants have been successful in operations on some of the fronts. I hope the media, radio and television, will disseminate this news. I hope that the news will continue to be good and that our compatriots will be informed of further achievements by our Muslim and revolutionary combatants.

We also discussed Bani-Sadr's escape and were told that our compatriots want to hear the story in detail, especially about how it was that two fugitives could arrive at a base, get past a disciplined armed forces and flee abroad an army plane.

Of course, our brothers in the army also feel responsible. They have appointed a committee to investigate the escape and have promised to submit a final report. If the report is satisfactory and its release does not violate any security regulations, God willing, our dear compatriots will be informed of its contents. Otherwise, I will elaborate on the issue as best I can.

[Question] As you are aware, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has announced that the nonaligned delegation will arrive in Tehran on Thrusday. Is there any change in the country's stand?

[Answer] No. Our stand has not change. Our stand is clear. We will receive the Nonaligned Movement's delegation, as we have said before, in order to voice our just position. But this must not be interpreted in any way as peace in the context of negotiation and reconciliation. The real negotiations are being conducted at the fronts. Our brothers are conducting them with intensive fire and blood and, fortunately, are making headway.

[Question] Mr President, my last question concerns the appointment of the new prime minister. Could you please tell us what qualities he should have?

[Answer] In my view, a prime minister must understand this revolution's culture and realize which groups in society are shouldering the basic burden of this revolution, what their aspirations are and what they expect. This is only one of the qualities that a prime minister should have. He should be well-known and the people must believe that he is a true revolutionary, because it is no longer right to expect the people to make an examination and then proceed on the basis of "let's see what will happen."

In selecting the prime minister, I have tried as far as possible to find a person who is of the people and known to them. His record as a revolutionary and struggler goes back at least to 1963.

These are among the qualities I had in mind when choosing the new prime minister, and I hope I have been successful. Of course, I introduced the prime minister to the Majlis today. God willing, tomorrow his name will be announced in the Majlis and a vote will be taken the day after. Of course, I should say that the Majlis is free to give or withhold its vote of confidence.

RAJA'I MEETS WITH ACTING MINISTERS 3 AUG

LD022254 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 3 Aug 81

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, a meeting chaired by President Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i and attended by the acting ministers was held in the Prime Ministry building this morning.

President Raja'i began the meeting by briefing the participants on the latest political developments. Later, Col Javad Fakuri, acting defense minister and commander of the air force, submitted a report on the successful raid by our country's brave and valiant combatants on the Iraqi pumping station at Tikrit. He pointed out the extent of the success of this operation.

Also briefing the meeting was Mr Seyyed Hoseyn Musavi, the acting foreign minister, who reported on the hypocrites' attack on the Muslim and committed students in Paris and the destruction of the students headquarters in that city, actions which were supported by the French police. He pointed out that the Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran will never forget such incidents, especially the bullying and torturing of committed students which is being done simultaneously with the taking of hostile positions against our country by the imperialist governments. He paid tribute to the Muslim students' resistance against the savage acts of the hypocrites and their imperialist supporters.

At the conclusion of the meeting, other acting ministers reported on the activities of their departments.

AHVAZ IMAM THREATENS FRENCH INTERESTS IN MIDEAST

GF031914 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 3 Aug 81

[Excerpts] Following a month of prayers, sacrifice and putting up with the martyrdom of their allies, the citizens of Ahvaz held 'Id prayers yesterday with the special glory of true humans and with [word indistinct] and under the leadership of Hojjat ol-Eslam Musavi-Jazayeri.

During his sermon, the Ahvaz Friday imam said: Human beings are either leaders or led. He who is not a leader must obey the imam. A large number of us are not like that. We consider ourselves followers of the imam's policies, but we are not followers to the proper extent and still follow our own thoughts. However, we want to explain this and that is when we will be brought to the edge of the precipice called liberalism. [Sentence as heard] In other words when a person believes his own thoughts and also in democracy, then he only chooses (?denial of religion) and cannot believe the law of "neither an Easterner nor a Westerner." Finally, he falls into the arms of the West and ultimately into the arms of the United States.

That is why we see that someone like Bani-Sadr cannot be a follower of the imam since he has not opted for Islam within himself. When he wants to compare Islam with Western thoughts and democracy and when he tries to interpret it in those ways, he turns out in the Western camp. Another person like Rajavi, with all his leftist chants, comes out in the arms of the West even though his thoughts are Eastern and Marxist. It is certain that anyone who is not a follower of the imam will turn up in the West.

In the second sermon Hojjat ol-Eslam Musavi-Jazayeri condemned the fascist-imperialist French Government and said: The French Government must realize that by giving asylum to a traitor like Bani-Sadr, who has a criminal record, and a terrorist named Mas'ud Rajavi--one case in his criminal record was the order to bomb the Islamic Republican Party headquarters and the bloody murder of over 72 of the best children of the masses--it has trampled on human rights and not carried out any of its moral, humane or international duties.

The French Government must realize that if it sees that the Iranian nation has not taken a revolutionary decision about this and does not do with its embassy what it did with U.S. Embassy, it is because of the shining days when the imam resided in France.

However, if France continues such acts, then we will carry out our religious duty. The Muslim Iranian nation, while strongly criticizing the French Government's action, firmly asks for the return of the traitor Bani-Sadr, the criminal Mas'ud Rajavi, the mercenary Bakhtiar and all the shah's refugee generals. The French Government should deliver them as soon as possible or else its interests will be threatened, at least those in the Middle East.

FOREIGN MINISTRY SUMMONS FRG AMBASSADOR 3 AUG

GF040803 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0700 GMT 4 Aug 81

[Text] The Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran summoned the FRG ambassador in Tehran yesterday in connection with the attack elements hostile to the Islamic revolution carried out against the Iranian Embassy in Bonn. Several sisters and brothers were injured during this attack.

The FRG ambassador said he will submit a memorandum to the ministry. The memorandum will identify the elements arrested by FRG police for involvement in this crime. This was reported in a statement the Foreign Ministry issued yesterday.

BBC REPORTS ON TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH RAJAVI

TA011541 London BBC World Service in English 1500 GMT 1 Aug 81

[From "Radio Newsreel"]

[Text] The Iranian guerrilla leader, Mr Mas'ud Rajavi, has been explaining why he and former President Bani-Sadr flew in secret from Tehran to Paris earlier this week. Mr Rajavi leads the Islamic leftist group, the Mojahedin-e Khalq, and in a telephone interview with the BBC he spoke about the deaths of hundreds of his supporters at the hands of the Iranian authorities. Richard Oppenheimer reports on what he said:

[Begin Oppenheimer recording] The decision to leave Iran and fly to Paris, Mr Rajavi said, followed the execution by the Khomeyni regime of over three hundred Mojahedin in less than a month and in particular the execution of a leading Mojahedin figure arrested soon after the revolution in 1979, Mr Mohammad Reza Sa'adati. Mr Rajavi said that the new national resistance council he had been asked by Mr Bani-Sadr to set up had made the decision that they should leave partly on security grounds and partly in the interests of building up that resistance council. He denied strongly that leaving Iran temporarily would weaken his position or his effectiveness as leader of the Mojahedin.

Coming to France was very necessary at this stage, he said, for the development of the council and he hoped he'd be going back to Iran as soon as his job in France was completed. I asked Mr Rajavi if his organization had indeed, as the Tehran Government claimed, been responsible for the bomb explosion 5 weeks ago which destroyed the headquarters of the ruling fundamentalist Islamic Republican Party. His reply was somewhat evasive. Until this second, he said, I have not got a report about the operation you refer to but it is legitimate--this to answer Khomeyni's terrorism in the same way Britain and France did against Hitler and fascism. [end recording]

LIBERATION MOVEMENT ISSUES COMMUNIQUE ON BANI-SADR

GF022001 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 2 Aug 81

[Text] The military-political wing of the Iranian Liberation Movement, affiliated with the National Resistance Movement, has issued a communique in the FRG in connection with Bani-Sadr's escape.

In part, the communique says that over the past 2 and 1/2 years Bani-Sadr has issued execution orders for Iranian soldiers and officers, has approved the execution by firing squad and stoning of freedom-loving people and the killing of students and, through his theory of (?distributive) economy--in the same manner as his former classmate Pol Pot--has proven his opposition and enmity to Iran and Iranians. Bani-Sadr, with the bombardment of Kordestan, Turakman Sahra and Baluchestan, showed his unpopular nature. Now he has returned to the circles of (?such persons) as Eric Rouleau in order to carry out a new plot against our country through international espionage circles.

The Iranian Liberation Movement asks all combatant men and women, especially the compatriot youth, to be alert and not to be deceived by Bani-Sadr's games and demagogy, which have no other aim but to Kampucheanize Iran.

RESISTANCE MOVEMENT COMMUNIQUE ON BANI-SADR

GF021927 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 2 Aug 81

[Communique issued by the Nationalist Iranian Worker's Party, affiliated with the National Resistance Movement of Iran, on Bani-Sadr's flight to France--date and place not given--read by announcer]

[Text] Compatriots, do not forget that Bani-Sadr is one of the founders of the clerical regime, the founder of the (?distributive) economy and the Islamization of Iran. He, in different posts, approved hundreds of executions by firing squad and stoning of combatant Iranian women and men. You should know that you are facing the sworn enemy of Iran in Paris--the enemy of Iran and of Iranian culture. The Nationalist Worker's Party asks all combatants to resist, through unity, the new foreign plots carried out by Bani-Sadr.

[Signed] The Nationalist Iranian Worker's Party, an affiliate of the National Resistance Movement of Iran

GHAFFARI REPORTEDLY SENT TO PARIS FOR TALKS

NC311623 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 31 Jul 81

[Text] Our correspondent's dispatch from Paris states that yesterday afternoon Hadi Ghaffari, the main figure responsible for the Abadan Rex Cinema fire and leader of the Hezbollahi club wielders, arrived in Paris at 1615 in an Air France plane, accompanied by 12 Hezbollahi bodyguards.

While observers believe that Hadi Ghaffari has gone to Paris to assassinate Bani-Sadr and Mas'ud Rajavi, sources close to the Islamic Republic have said in Paris that Hadi Ghaffari's mission is to hold talks with the French officials on propaganda methods and how to mislead public opinion in Iran following Bani-Sadr's flight to France.

NABAVI ON FUTURE CABINET, ACTS OF SABOTAGE

LD031457 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1110 GMT 3 Aug 81

[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, government spokesman Nabavi this morning took part in a press, radio and television conference and commented on various state issues, the activities of the counterrevolutionary groups and the operational headquarters of the hypocrites [Mojahedin-e Khalq] and victories on the battlefronts.

He also briefly reported on the activities of the Raja'i government over the past 11 months.

Commenting on the hijacking of two military planes and the flight by a number of people on these planes as well as changes in institutions, Nabavi said: Certain changes have already taken place in the air force; these changes did not have much to do with these events. At any rate, the matter is under investigation and several people have been arrested.

Referring to the future cabinet, he said: Following the swearing-in ceremony in the Majlis today, the president will immediately appoint a prime minister. Once the Cabinet ministers have been appointed and approved by Mr Raja'i, they will be introduced to the Majlis.

He added: In this connection, no extensive formalities will be observed. Mr Bahonar has almost been appointed [as prime minister]. He has already held consultations to choose his ministers. I hope that within the next few days, following a vote of confidence by the Majlis for the prime minister, we will hold the first completely formal cabinet meeting after the establishment of the Constitution.

The government spokesman then said: Perhaps half the present cabinet ministers will change and be appointed to other posts. At present, one cannot precisely name the members of the Cabinet for the list has not yet been completed and it is possible that the new prime minister will want to make changes.

According to the same report, commenting on the war issue and recent victories, Behzad Nabavi said: In recent months, while maintaining total superiority, we have achieved two great and significant victories. The first was the recapture of the Karak region and the second was our raid on the Tikrit pumping station, the biggest pumping station feeding the pipeline for Iraq's oil exports. During this raid 80 percent of this center was destroyed. This will have a great impact on the export of oil by Iraq. This raid by our air force deep inside enemy territory should be considered a response to the baseless rumors spread by the counterrevolutionaries these days about the air force. However, it is regrettable that during the recent raid one of our best officers, Col Hoseyn Shahramfar, was martyred. I congratulate him and express my condolences to the heroic nation on his martyrdom.

Concluding his remarks, the government spokesman briefly reported on the activities of the government, saying: Considering the circumstances, we do not have an impressive record. However, we are satisfied and hope that the new government will continue the unfinished programs. Over the past 17 months that Mr Rajai's government has been in power, despite the obstructions put in its way by Bani-Sadr, it has managed to increase agricultural and industrial output. As for services, we also succeeded in achieving impressive targets.

In conclusion, he replied to questions put to him by our correspondent as follows:

[Begin recording] [Question] Mr Nabavi, would you please tell us about our future relations with Western Europe, particularly France, especially in view of the recent stand taken by France toward the Iranian revolution?

[Answer] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Over the past few days we have observed the hostile positions taken by France against the Islamic Republic. We have also seen the people's natural reaction to this development. Recently, very undesirable treatment has been accorded our embassy in Paris. For instance, members of the hijacked 707 aircraft were placed in isolation and Iranian Embassy officials were prevented from contacting them. When some of the officials tried to meet two of the crew, they were told that an interpreter appointed by the French Government must be present at the meeting. This was in order to monitor our conversation with our nationals. The interpreter was a man named Kazem Rajavi. At any rate, these have been unfriendly attitudes. The Iranian Government is pursuing the matter and the French Government must provide an answer. According to an extradition treaty signed between Iran and France, the latter must return Bani-Sadr to Iran or the Iranian Government will be forced to review its relations with the French Government.

[Question indistinct]

[Answer] As for West European countries, they ought to be divided into two groups: One group has a sphere of political influence, like the colonialist countries [words indistinct] including Britain and France. Then there is the other group, the capitalist countries in Western Europe. As far as the latter are concerned, our relations are designed to satisfy our economic needs. Britain, in view of the considerable stake and the diplomatic and freemasonry networks it had in Iran, has lost its biggest Asian market. So it is taking a hostile stand toward the Iranian Republic. Having said that, it follows that the Iranian Government cannot take a favorable stand toward this government. Consequently, all our relations are confined to our definite requirements; other than that, we have no interest in expanding our relations with Britain. Nor do we have any interest in expanding our relations wtih France either, particularly in view of its stand.

[Question] Mr Nabavi, could you give us your analysis of the opponents of the Islamic revolution and their leaders abroad?

[Answer] Unfortunately, the operations of these groups over the past week have been similar to those of a criminal Mafia gang. These supporters of human rights who sympathize with the members of these minigroups and who object to four of them being executed in prison, all I have to do is to give you a list of the explosions, the hurling of Molotov cocktails and the armed hijacking of cars, for you to realize (?what sort of people we are dealing with). During the past week, these minigroups were responsible for terrorist incidents, 4 of which resulted in martyrdom. They wounded 34 people. They carried out two abortive terrorist attacks. They also lost three of their saboteurs. There were also 35 cases of explosions resulting in the deaths of 7 people, mainly passersby, and another 12 wounded, 10 of them passersby. Four attempts were foiled. Also, one of those responsible for an explosion was killed. Moreover, they were also responsible for hurling 12 Molotov cocktails, and some 9 cases of car theft, forcing people out of their cars and using them to carry out their operations.

If one thinks that these operations are aimed at military or important political objectives or that they have been designed to assassinate prominent government figures [words indistinct]. On the contrary, it was mainly passersby and ordinary people. For instance, one morning, while revolution guards were asleep in Lahijan, these groups attacked them, killing 6 in their sleep and wounding 16 others.

This cannot be considered a military operation; this sort of operation can only be carried out by a natural criminal.

Indeed, they have committed many similar acts. Well, any Mafia ringleader with some money, some weapons and bombs can do the same thing. Now, seeing these acts, the supporters of human rights, people like Matin-Daftari and Nazih, cry out, claiming that there is repression in Iran, that we arrest people.

Well, last week 60 of these terrorists were arrested and 15 houses occupied by groups were discovered. Radio Peykar's location has been discovered and other measures have been carried out. These people wound innocent individuals. For instance, they beat up two people without knowing who they were. However, when they heard these two were revolution guards they were pleased.

Someone is standing in line at a bus station. They strike at him and call him a Phalangist. Or they hit someone unarmed, off duty from work and walking along the street. Well, this is easy to do. Or they hit a [word indistinct] shop and [words indistinct] despite the fact that all their families enjoy security under the Islamic Republican order, despite the fact that some of the members of their families are in contact with members [of the Mojahedin-e Khalq] and we know about it. Since their contact is not active, but only sympathetic, we do not bother them. And yet they call us Phalangists. Those who by their actions have made the things done by the Phalangists and [word indistinct] pale into insignificance regard themselves as progressive.

If we wanted to respond in kind we could also issue military communiques, as they do, reporting, as it were, that such and such group struck a poultry shop and returned safely to base. We have carried out [words indistinct]. We can carry out operations like this if we want to. [end recording]

MARCHERS' RESOLUTION ON ISLAM, ZIONISM, BANI-SADR

LD311514 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 31 Jul 81

["Text" of resolution issued by participants in 31 July rally at Tehran University to mark International Jerusalem Day]

[Text] 1. Considering that we owe our Islamic revolution to the leadership and wise policies of the center of Islamic world authority, His Great Eminence Ayatollah Imam Khomeyni, on the basis of our religious and legal duty we stretch our hands, as a sign of allegiance and gratitude, toward our dear imam and shout with all our might: God, God, please preserve Khomeyni until the hidden imam's revolution is staged.

2. Following the continuation of the third revolution, the united and martyr-nurturing Iranian nation, despite all plots and murders by the enemies of God and the people, took part in a free election, divorced from any polluted political clamor, and overwhelmingly elected as president a popular ideological figure who is faithful to the vice regency of the supreme jurisconsult, thus dealing a deadly blow to the superpowers of the left and right. While expressing our support for our elected and dear president, we point out that as long as he remains within the path of the imam and the revolution he will enjoy the unreserved support of the multitude of the masses.

3. While expressing our support for the outcome and the Islamic and decisive verdicts issued by revolution courts against the ringleaders and mercenary lackeys of the apostate minigroups--the minigroups that are a tool in the hands of the world-devouring East and West, which have risen and taken up arms against the Islamic Republican system--we once again warn the remnants of these groups that we are doing everything in our power to find and identify them. We call on the naive and uninformed young people, who have been misled by these treacherous mercenaries, to return to the bosom of dear Islam before it is too late.

4. Now that Zionism, this illegitimate child of Eastern and Western imperialism, has escalated its attacks on and destruction of the tortured and Muslim people of southern Lebanon, an act which has brought heartache to any noble and genuine human being, the Muslim and martyr-nurturing Iranian people, considering that they are confronting similar tragedies, share more than anyone else the tragedies suffered by the Lebanese and Palestinian martyrs. We thus call on all brothers and sisters in the oppressed lands to rely on nothing but God, while maintaining their unity and cohesion under Islam and rejecting any sympathy for the puppet and reactionary governments in the region, and remember that it is only by following the path of Islam that they can recover their lost lands.

5. World superpowers have created a conflict between the two powerful armies of Iran and Iraq in order to prevent them from attacking Israel. While expressing our deep regret about this imposed war which has diminished our power to support and protect our Lebanese and Palestinian brethren in their war against Zionist aggression, we state that we shall continue the war with everything in our power until all traces of aggression against our Islamic land are wiped out. Meanwhile, we shall spare no assistance to Lebanese and Palestinian Muslims, for we believe that, supported by God Almighty, dear Jerusalem will be liberated through the defeat and fall of the blasphemous Saddam regime and via Karbala.

6. While condemning the plots and attacks by mercenary agents of world oppressors and international Zionism, we declare to the Islamic Republic's embassies abroad that these twisted acts will not cause the slightest dent in the firm action and will of the Iranian people; the Iranian people, as before, will move forward with their customary thunderous and cohesive unity to dismantle the Eastern and Western plunderers' system, thus saving the oppressed people of the world. In this connection, while expressing our support for the ideological policies of the Islamic Republic, we demand that the Foreign Ministry take speedy action to attend to the situations in Iranian embassies abroad, to make them a manifestation of the Islamic Republic in other countries and inform the world of the messages of the revolution.

7. The alert and justice-seeking people of the world have recently rediscovered the hypocritical and mercenary nature of international organizations. Amnesty International and the human rights organization, joining voices with imperialist and Zionist radios--those violators of human rights--have raised their voices in support of freedom and humanity, following the execution of a few murderers and corrupt individuals, carried out by revolution courts in accordance with divine justice. However, not a word has been uttered by these CIA-dependent organizations in the face of the tragedies and genocide committed by the criminal Zionists in southern Lebanon. We again condemn these hypocritical acts being perpetrated under the leadership of the arch-Satan, the United States.

8. The Iranian nation, on this Jerusalem Day, the day of solidarity of the oppressed peoples of the world toward annihilation of the world oppressors' bases in the region, while supporting all world liberation movements, including the liberation movement of the Muslim people of Palestine, the Afghan people's liberation movement against the aggression and occupation of the aggressive Soviet Government, the Eritrean Muslim movement, the Philippines, Iraq and Saudi Arabia as well as the anticolonialist movement by the Irish people against the rotten British monarchy, calls strongly on Muslim movements to base their struggles only on the liberating school of Islam, to avoid any compromising approach and tendency toward East or West and to rely on the deprived multitude of people rather than on reactionary regional governments.

9. On the occasion of the anniversary of the death of the deposed shah, the deposed Bani-Sadr, whose crimes are clear to everyone, escaped by crossing our borders after his political plots failed. While expressing our support for the Islamic army and our faith in our ideological and popular army--which proved through its bravery that it follows the path of revolution and is prepared to make any sacrifice against the enemies of the Islamic revolution--we call on the Supreme Defense Council, side by side with the army, to investigate the matter in depth, identify the accomplices who helped Bani-Sadr flee and make them known to the people as soon as possible.

Greetings to the martyrs of 28 June, the victims of the bombing of the Islamic Republican Party building; greetings to the martyrs of the bombing of southern Lebanon. Long live the Islamic Republic of Iran, led by Imam Khomeyni.

EXECUTIONS, ASSASSINATIONS, BOMBINGS CONTINUE

Narcotics Dealers Executed

LD031200 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 3 Aug 81

[Text] According to PARS, following the verdict of the Kerman Islamic Revolution Court, six narcotics peddlers were executed.

Their names are as follows: (Golab Zarifar), son of (Heydarqoli); (Kakadian Soleymaniyeh), son of (Bani Mohammad); Sa'id (Reza'i), son of (Bahram); (Shahzad Eshaq-Verdi), son of Seyyed Mohammad; Hoseyn Tavakkoli, son of (Nazar); and 'Abbas Ebrahimi, son of Nasrollah.

Peykar Members Executed

GF031927 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 3 Aug 81

[Communique issued by Shiraz Islamic Revolution Court on 2 August]

[Text] In His exalted name. The trial of four active members of the American Peykar minigroup was held on 24 July and 2 August. With a Marxist ideology, they operated widely in the southern region of the nation in the Provinces of Pars, Kerman, Bushehr and Hormozegan from their four-man communal houses, printing and distributing publications and communiques by the American Peykar organization. They transmitted news from the south to the center and also obtained reports and spied on revolution organizations and government departments such as the army and Evin Prison with their agents. In their communal house a large number of documents and secret coded reports were discovered. They were also trying to obtain arms and ammunition for the military branch.

During interrogation and court sessions, they avoided expressing any regret and did not volunteer any information. They were therefore considered guilty.

Three of them--Parvis 'Abbasi, son of Safeollah; Ahmad Saburi-Jahromi, son of 'Ali; and Bahram Ramezaninezhad, son of Gholamhoseyn, using the alias Mohammad Taqi Ebrahimi--were found guilty of waging war against God and his masses and corruption on earth and were sentenced to death. The sentence was carried out at 1600 on 2 August.

The one called Zahra Ebrahimi Jahromi, daughter of Mohammad, using the alias Mehri Zia'i, who was an accomplice of the three other accused in all their crimes, was sentenced to life imprisonment--with clemency considered--at a site away from the main place of residence, as well as 150 lashes for having unlawful (?sexual) contacts with the other three over a long period.

[Signed] Shiraz Islamic Revolution Court

Tehran Hospital Bombed

LD031750 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 3 Aug 81

[Excerpts] At about 1630 today a powerful bomb exploded in front of the Pasteur hospital. Our colleague has prepared a report from the scene to which we draw your attention:

[Begin recording] [Unidentified correspondent] The explosion of a powerful bomb in Pasteur Street, Tehran, near the Pasteur Institute has caused substantial casualties, injuries and damage.

The explosion caused the complete destruction of the building and the surrounding area and destroyed a great number of cars. About 10 staff members were hurt, and a doctor was injured in the hand. A quantity of their equipment was destroyed.

An official of the ninth precinct security committee gave details on the incident:

[Unidentified official] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. At about 1635, in the vicinity of Pasteur Street, near the Pasteur Institute hospital, the sound of an extremely large explosion was heard. (?We were told) to investigate the matter. Along with brother members of the committee and the police we went to the scene and observed that a bomb explosion had occurred outside the Pasteur Institute hospital, a hospital to which hundreds of people go every day to get their children vaccinated.

As far as is known so far only one person has been mutilated in the explosion, the pieces of the body having been collected by the people in the area. Some eight or nine other people were injured. These have been transferred to Enqelab Hosptial with the help of the people, brother guards and the police. [end recording]

Behbehan Clergyman Killed

LD031818 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 3 Aug 81

[Announcement issued by the Public Relations Office of the Islamic Consultative Assembly on 3 August]

[Text] Hojjat ol-Eslam 'Abdolkarim Bekhradian, one of the struggling clergy of Behbehan who was also the superviser of the foundation of martyrs, after conducting the congregational prayers in the gendarmerie battalion in Behbehan, was maryred at 1315 today in front of his house by a bullet of the counterrevolutionaries.

The funeral of the martyred Bekhradian will be held at 0800 tomorrow in Behbehan.

Kermanshah Explosion

LD031745 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 3 Aug 81

[Text] According to a PARS report, at 1512 today a powerful bomb exploded in Kermanshah's Azadi Square.

As a result of this explosion, 13 persons were martyred, among whom there were two women, one 9-year-old child and a 5-month-old infant.

As a result of this explosion, one grader, three Peykan vehicles and one Renue vehicle were destroyed. Kermanshah's Kuwaiti market also suffered considerable damage; windows in a nearby building were shattered.

The supervisor of Ayatollah Taleqani Hospital in Kermanshah said: All the hospital doctors and staff have been mobilized to treat the victims of this incident. Thus far, seven persons injured in the incident have been taken to the operating room.

Kermanshah's Friday imam, (Ayatollah Hajj Agha 'Ataollah Ashraf Isfahani), visited the explosion site and then went to the hospital where the injured are being treated.

He told our correspondent in a brief interview: I don't know what to say. We have asked the Voice and the Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran to film these inhumane killings and destruction and take the cry of these oppressed to the world.

If the saboteurs are against the government, what does this have to do with the wives and children of the sinless people? He also said that there was an infant among the martyrs. Martyrdom of an infant illustrates the enemy's extreme disregard for humanity. How do these persons' logic and heart allow them to carry out such savage acts?

Radio Iran on Resisitance

GF031827 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 3 Aug 81

[Text] Armed clashes between Khomeyni's guards and freedom-seeking forces around the country have resulted in the deaths of a total of 11 guards. Fifteen were injured. Khomeyni's regime, in reprisal, murdered 22 youths who were prisoners in various cities during the past 24 hours.

According to PARS, Kurdish fighters killed two guards near Saqqez recently. According to the report, one Kurdish fighter was also killed.

In Amol, clashes took place between guards and forces opposing the regime. As a result, two guards were killed and another three wounded. The opponents of the regime opened fire on the guards' vehicle and also threw a grenade at it. Following this, the mercenary guards arrested and jailed a group of Amol youths from various parts of the city.

In the port of Bushehr a cycle rider shot at the head of the city's education department. In Rasht, the opposition wounded one guard. In Shiraz, combatant forces threw a fire-bomb at the Islamic Republican office. There is no confirmed report about damage during this attack as yet.

'ILLEGAL PASSENGERS' ARRESTED AT BANDAR-E KHOMEYNI

GF031843 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 3 Aug 81

[Text] The Islamic Revolution Committee of Bandar-e Khomeyni has given the following report to the Ahvaz Central News Unit concerning their recent activity:

Following a sea search by the brother guard members of the Bandar-e Khomeyni Islamic Revolution Committee at 0900 on Friday, 31 July, in the coastal waters of Mahshahr port near (Khorsheni), a total of 45 illegal passengers were identified and arrested following operations together with 40 major agents, including the captain, the (go-between) and all the sailors. They were riding in two green 12-meter motorboats and heading for Kuwait. In the course of the operation, one of the major agents who identified himself as 'Abdolhoseyn Shoja'i secretly spilled gasoline and with a cigarette created a fire in the boat. A number of passengers and one of the guard members of the Bandar-e Khomeyni committee were injured. Nine of the injured passengers were immediately transferred to Mahshahr's martyrs' hospital for treatment following their transfer to Bandar-e Khomeyni. They were taken to the Bandar-e Khomeyni Islamic Revolution Committee following treatment.

Further details will be published in the mass media for the information of the heroic nation.

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUES 587-591

587: Fighting in South, West

LD311858 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 31 Jul 81

[Communique 587 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The following is an account of some of the operations by the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the battlefields during the past 24 hours:

In the Abadan-Khuninshahr region, thanks to our artillery fire, 2 enemy tanks, 1 ammunition dump, 4 vehicles, 2 mortars, 11 machinegun and RPG-7 emplacements and 12 trenches and foxholes were destroyed while 1 enemy bulldozer, 1 ammunition-carrying vehicle and 1 tank emplacement were damaged. Because of enemy artillery fire on residential parts of Abadan, our compatriots suffered casualties and losses.

On the Abadan-Darkhovin-As-Sulaymaniyah axis, our mighty forces shelled enemy positions, destroying 2 enemy vehicles and 1 ammunition-carrying vehicle and killed or wounded 10 Iraqi soldiers. On the Darkhovin front, thanks to our artillery fire, a big enemy ammunition dump was set on fire. In the Dezful area, our forces vigilantly prevented the advance of enemy infantry elements toward our positions and forced them to retreat. On these fronts, 3 enemy tanks, 1 loader, 1 bulldozer, 2 ammunition dumps and 2 vehicles were destroyed while another 3 tanks were damaged and 10 enemy soldiers were either killed or wounded.

Thanks to artillery fire by our ground forces in the Shush region, two enemy ammunition dumps were destroyed and several tank emplacements were damaged and a number of Iraqi soldiers were either killed or wounded.

Along the western fronts, exchanges of fire continued between the self-sacrificing combatants of the Islamic homeland of Iran and the Iraqi Army and our heroic forces on these fronts inflicted losses and casualties on the enemy. Our ever-alert air defense units repulsed an incursion by enemy aircraft against our country's war zones and forced them to flee.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

588: Battle Successes

LD011748 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 1 Aug 81

[Communique 588 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran has the honor to offer its sincere congratulations on the occasion of the auspicious day of 'Id al-Fitr--which is one of the greatest Muslim feasts--to the lord of the age, the hidden imam--may God hasten his return--to the imam of the nation, the great leader of the revolution, and to the honorable nation of Iran.

During the past 24 hours, sporadic battles have continued on most battlefronts with artillery and heavy-weapon fire exchanges. On fronts west of Dezful, the self-sacrificing combatants of the ground forces pounded positions of the Iraqi aggressive forces with artillery and mortar fire, destroying one tank, two APC's, one ammunition depot, one truck carrying enemy personnel, one mortar launcher and several other pieces of equipment. In addition, several Iraqi soldiers were killed. In the same region, 1 enemy tank was destroyed and 12 Iraqis were either killed or wounded.

During artillery exchanges on the Karkheh Kur fronts, Iranian forces pounded enemy positions, destroying two enemy tanks and killing several Iraqis.

Operations and sporadic exchanges of fire continued on the Mahshahr, Abadan, Khuninshahr and Darkhovin fronts with our self-sacrificing and powerful forces shelling enemy positions. On the Abadan and Khuninshahr fronts our forces destroyed 25 trenches and foxholes, 2 tank emplacements, 5 ammunition depots, 5 observation posts, 5 assembly points, 2 loaders, 1 mortar launcher and 1 machinegun. During these operations, several Iraqi personnel were either killed or wounded.

On the Mahshahr-Abadan fronts, our forces destroyed two tanks, two personnel carriers, several trenches and several foxholes.

Yesterday, the heroes of the navy opened fire on enemy positions in the occupied part of Khuninshahr, destroying one ammunition depot, several trenches and some Iraqi equipment.

On the Ahvaz fronts, artillery and heavy-weapon fire exchanges continued and the enemy suffered some losses.

Brave combatants of the gendarmerie brought enemy positions under mortar fire in the Shur-e Shirin region, destroying one ammunition depot, one 120-mm mortar and several foxholes and trenches of the Iraqi forces.

During battles on 29 and 30 July, two friends and comrades gained the exalted status of martyrdom.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

589: Attack on Tikrit

LD021106 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 2 Aug 81

[Communique 589 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. On the blessed and auspicious day of 'Id al-Fitr the valiant pilots of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in their operations outside our borders, managed to hit and destroy Iraq's pumping station and oil installations in Tikrit. The aforesaid installations are situated in an area 300 km inside Iraqi territory. Despite the enemy's intense and heavy fire, all our fighters returned safely to their base.

The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran thanks the valuable pilots who carried out this mission successfully and sends greetings to the steadfast and resistant combatants on the battlefronts.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

590: 2 Aug Report

LD021750 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 2 Aug 81

[Communique 590 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Oh Muslim nation of Iran: The brave combatants of Iran--with the help of God and the prayers of the imam and the ungrudging assistance of you fighting people, who have shown the most sublime aspects of your devotion, sincerity and self-sacrifice during the imposed war--achieve greater victories every day. On this battlefield, which is full of pride [words indistinct] crush the unjust trenches of the pagans, and drive the aggressive army of Saddam back with disgrace and defeat. The outcome of the battles during the past 24 hours of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran is as follows:

On the Abadan-Khuninshahr front, thanks to the intense firing of our powerful forces over enemy positions, 1 82-mm mortar, 5 vehicles 4 ammunition dumps, 16 slit trenches and foxholes of the enemy were destroyed and at least 30 enemy personnel were killed.

In the Abadan sector, one of the combative units of the Police of the Islamic Republic of Iran brought the positions of the Ba'thist aggressors under fire, destroying 2 machinegun bunkers, 1 slit trench and 2 observation posts of Saddam's army and killing or wounding 10 enemy personnel.

As a result of the fire of the combative units of the gendarmerie, one enemy assembly building, two machinegun bunkers, four foxholes and two ammunition bunkers of the enemy on the other side of the Arvand Rud were destroyed.

On the same day, as a result of enemy mortar fire at the residential areas of Abadan, some damage occurred, and a number of our compatriots were martyred or wounded.

Exchanges of fire on the Mahshahr, Abadan, Darkhovin and (?Soleymaniyeh) fronts occurred and 2 tanks, 1 antiaircraft gun, 1 slit trench and 2 ammunition dumps of the aggressors were destroyed and 22 enemy personnel were killed.

In the Ahvaz sector, thanks to the artillery fire of the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, two tanks, one vehicle, one ammunition dump of the army of the mercenary Saddam were destroyed.

In the Dezful sector, our combative units, while defending their positions, destroyed one enemy loader and inflicted damage on four tanks and two vehicles of the enemy.

On the 'Eyn Khosh front, with their intense firing, our combatants were able to inflict damage on the enemy, killing or injuring a number of enemy personnel.

Exchanges of fire continued in the operational regions in the west. On the various fronts in the region, while preserving their superiority, our force crushed the positions and fortifications of the enemy with heavy-weapon fire. Thanks to the artillery fire of the Iranian Ground Forces, 30 percent of the [name indistinct] post, and also the (?Qalamdani) post and its bunkers were destroyed.

During the past 24 hours, all the aerial aggressions of the army of Saddam against the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the south and west of the country were repelled, thanks to the alertness of the antiaircraft units.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

591: 3 Aug Report

LD031736 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 3 Aug 81

[Communique 591 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In the name of God. Part of the operations carried out by the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the situation on the battlefronts in the last 24 hours are as follows:

In the Abadan-Khuninshahr region, Islam's brave combatants valiantly brought the Iraqi positions under fire and succeeded in destroying 1 enemy tank, 2 ammunition dumps, 30 collective and individual trenches, 1 assembly point, 2 mortars and 1 truck carrying ammunition. A number of enemy forces were killed or wounded during these operations.

On the same front, with the fire of our valiant forces, one enemy tank, two machinegun positions and one vehicle were destroyed while part of the Al-Faw installations were set on fire.

On the Abadan-Mahshahr-Darkhovin-As-Sulaymaniyah axis, Islam's combatant forces damaged five Iraqi Army tanks and two vehicles.

The enemy yesterday brought Abadan's residential sector under constant shellings and inflicted some damages.

With the fire of the navy's valiants on the Iraqi Army's positions in the occupied sector of Khuninshahr, one enemy observation post and one collective entrenchment were set on fire.

In the Ahvaz region, with the artillery fire of the army, one enemy ammunition dump, and one vehicle were destroyed. In the Dezful region, too, six ammunition dumps, one gun and one mortar belonging to the enemy were destroyed and their crews were either killer or wounded.

On the Karkheh Kur front, the self-sacrificing combatants of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran silenced the enemy's fire in this region and prevented the Iraqi units' operations.

Exchange of fire between the Armed Forces of Iran and the aggressor Iraqi Army continued on the western fronts and our valiant forces destroyed 1 enemy tank, 1 ammunition dump, 2 vehicles and 9 group trenches in the Malekshahi heights and killed or wounded more than 70 Iraqi personnel.

Our air defense foiled all attempts by the enemy's aggressors to violate the war region's airspace.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

NVOI SCORES MINISTRY STATEMENT ON ARGENTINE CRASH

TA031230 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 1 Aug 81

[Unattributed commentary: "A Statement in the Style of Qotbzadeh"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: The recent statement by our homeland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the crash of an Argentine plane in the Soviet Union has rightly caused the deep astonishment and amazement of all the true forces of the revolution. The Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in this statement, in which there is no trace of logic or logical reasoning, at first calls the bombarding of Iraq's nuclear research center the result of collusion between the East and West in order to save Saddam's anti-Islamic regime. Then, it calls the incident of the crashing of the Argentine plane in the Soviet Union a fresh plot against the Islamic revolution of Iran and connects it with the so-called collaboration of the Eastern pole of global oppression.

The logic of those who drafted the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran in proving this hollow claim is the following: Following the announcement by the Soviet Union concerning the crash of an Argentine plane in that country, and its informing Iran that no trace of the said plane is left, the Zionist AP news agency announced that allegedly this plane was carrying arms from Tel Aviv to the Islamic Republic of Iran. Therefore, it is deduced that this is nothing but a fresh plot by the East and West against the Islamic Republic of Iran. Without doubt, this statemnt, with the same logic and reasoning reminiscent of Qotbzadeh and Bani-Sadr, is a new link in the chain of subversive action whose sole aim is the straining of the Islamic Republic of Iran's relations with its northern neighbor, the Soviet Union, according to Carter's and Brzezinski's instructions.

You be the judge--a certain plane appeared in the airspace of our northern neighbor, the Soviet Union. According to international law and internal security regulations the Soviet Union's aviation authorities ordered that plane to land. However, the said plane, without paying the slightest heed to warnings by Soviet planes, continued its flight into the Soviet Union's airspace. At this point, there remains no alternative for any country, including the Soviet Union, but to prevent the further flight of the aggressive plane and to neutralize it by resorting to modern technical facilities.

As we are aware, no trace is left of this aggressive Argentine plane.

So far no country and no official governmental source has claimed that the said plane was carrying arms from Israel to another country. Therefore, in such a case it is not obvious what connection could exist between the crash of this Argentine plane and the so-called joint plot of the East and West against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

If officials of Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs had confronted this issue, divorced from fanaticism and prejudice, they would have never been influenced by the rumormongering of the Zionist AP news agency and would not have embarked on issuing such a baseless and groundless statement. Our homeland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs explicitly notes in its statement that following the announcement by the Soviet Union that no trace is left of the crashed Argentine plane, the imperialist and Zionist AP news agency disseminated the unfounded news that allegedly the said plane was carrying arms from Israel to Iran.

In other words, our Ministry of Foreign Affairs is implicitly acknowledging that the Zionist AP news agency had dispatched such a notorious and unfounded news item for specific reasons emanating from imperialist aims and Brzezinski's line. Therefore, to what can the falling of those who drafted the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs into the trap of the Zionist and imperialist AP news agency be attributed?

The statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran is so baseless and groundless that Mr Behzad Nabavi, the government's spokesman, in his press conference rightly termed the news disseminated by Western news agencies as the continuation of the same imperialist propaganda plots. He added that the Foreign Ministry's statement is aimed at imperialist propaganda, which is attempting to purport that Iran had purchased arms from Israel.

In fact, such rumormongering forms the foundation of the work of Zionist news agencies whose aim is short-term play with public opinion. The goal of Zionist news agencies resorting to such tricks is obvious. They want to hit two targets with one shot: first, to strain our country's relations with the Soviet Union; second, to inflict damage on the prestige and credibility of the Islamic Republic of Iran. If such a notorious statement, in connection with the crash of the Argentine plane, had been drafted and issued in Qotbzadeh's time there would not have been cause for discussion because Qotbzadeh's task is obvious. However, what do the officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have to say?

Henceforth, the liberated Iranian people do not wish to witness the repetition of the feats of Qotbzadeh, the U.S. agent, in Iran's Foreign Ministry.

SRI LANKA

PRIME MINISTER PREMADASA DISCUSSES EUROPE VISIT

BK011400 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 1 Aug 81

[Text] Prime Minister Premadasa, who returned to the island yesterday after visits to Britain, the GDR and Yugoslavia, said that Prime Minister Willi Stoph had assured him that the GDR would not condone or support the influx of Sri Lankan Tamils to the city of Berlin. He said Stoph had given him a detailed description of the manner in which in recent times large numbers of Sri Lankans of the Tamil community had entered Berlin transiting through the GDR.

In a statement Premadasa also said that a greater demand for Sri Lankan products would be expected as a result of the current Sri Lanka exhibition in London. The prime minister, who participated in the opening of the exhibition by Queen Elizabeth, said there was an extremely good demand for such items as (?candles), silverware, ceramics, small industrial products and traditional handicrafts.

Premadasa said during his talks with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher he had explained the background of the recent outbreak of violence in Jaffna and the campaign which was being fomented by interested parties abroad to gain sympathy for their cause. He had urged Sri Lankan associations and individuals in Britain to assist the government machinery in combating the one-sided and at times false picture which is being propagated of conditions in Sri Lanka.

He also had discussions with the British Council which will be the operational agency providing technical assistance in training in the $24 million project for the training and upgrading of skills of local construction workers. This project, which will expand the work of several ministries, is being fully supported by the World Bank loan.

In his talks in Belgrade, the prime minister said the Yugoslav Government has expressed its readiness to provide technical assistance and training facilities in urban development. He had accepted the offer and a team of urban planners would be sent to Belgrade shortly.

FREEDOM PARTY BANS 13 FROM PARTY ACTIVITIES

BK031318 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 3 Aug 81

[Text] A resolution passed at a meeting of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party branch organization held at Horobella yesterday is understood to have laid the total ban on 13 members of the party Politburo from participating in any party activities. The meeting was presided over by Mrs Bandaranaike.

According to party sources, the resolution demanded an apology from the 13 members to Mrs Bandaranaike. The 13 include MP Maitriplala Senanayake, second member for (Nuwara Eliya), Anura Bandaranaike, third MP for Colombo Central (R.L. Nishaka), and second MP [words indistinct].

Another resolution passed at the meeting says that until the next election of office bearers to the party, Mrs Bandaranaike will appoint party organizers at electorate level. The 13 Politburo members led by Maitriplala Senanayake have taken up the position that the meeting was unconstitutional.